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STATE SENATOR

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**Senator Buckingham statement on Senate Bill 3**

During my campaign, I promised to support legislation to empower parents in their children's education. Senate Bill 3 does just that by creating education savings accounts and tax credit scholarships for Texas parents.

Over the past several months, I have worked closely with my colleagues and the leadership of the Texas Senate to make sure Senate Bill 3 was a good bill for District 24. As a former School Board member, I am a staunch defender of public schools, and it is important to know that Senate Bill 3 does not take any money away from public schools.

The provisions in Senate Bill 3 that limit eligibility to parents who live in counties with more than 285,000 residents are important for rural Texas and Senate District 24, where 15 of 17 counties are under this population threshold. For those who do live in smaller counties, there is a parent trigger that allows voters to call for an election for their school district to opt in to these programs.

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